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WALKER RESPONDS TO SALES TAX IDEA: NO

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker made the following statement today regarding the proposal to fund the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee rail project with an increase in the sales tax:

"I oppose an increase in the sales tax to fund the KRM for the same reasons I have opposed raising the sales tax to fund parks, transit, and to theoretically provide property tax relief."

"First, it will give Milwaukee County the highest sales tax in the state; thus creating a tax island. Second, the state government still has to approve an increase in the sales tax. Since the Governor and the State Legislature are opposed to new taxes, support for a new tax is unlikely. Third, we cannot continue to dig into the pockets of taxpayers every time a new proposal comes along. We must instead be better stewards of our tax dollars."

"My answer to the idea of a new sales tax is simple: NO."

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